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Re: Response to Informal Conference Technical Analysis dated March 26, 2003, Hiawatha Mine Complex, C/7007/011-AM02B-2

I am emailing an electronic copy of AM02B-2. I am also sending 5 hard copies in the mail.

If you have any questions, please call me at (435) 687-5238.

Thank You,

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Attached is a response to the technical analysis dated March 26, 2003. I have made changes Chapter 7 pages 18-24, 54, 57, 62, 67, 73, 95, 101, 110, and Exhibits 5-2A, 5-2B, 5-2C, 7-1, 7-2, and 7-7. Please update the existing amendment with the pages and maps I have included.

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Thank You,

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## Response To Technical Analysis Dated March 26, 2003

# **Permit Application Format and Content** R645-301-121.200

Pages 7-73 now references the Divisions database. The discussion on page 7-73 concerning spring SP-3 was omitted. All text referring to 724.600 has been deleted.

# Hydrologic Resource Information R645-301-728

Pages 7-57 and 7-62 now reference Plates 5-1 and 5-2. Mine workings on the 5-2 plates were associated with their mine names.

## Maps, Plans, and Cross Section of Resource Information

R645-301-622, -722

The requested changes have been made to Exhibit 7-1

### R645-301-623.300, 625

Exhibit 7-7 now shows potential depths of subsidence

### R645-301-622, -722

A note was added at the bottom of table 7-1 (pages 7-18 thru 7-24) explaining the naming convention for the springs.

### R645-301-622, -722

The requested changes have been made to Exhibit 7-2.

## **Hydrologic Information**

### R645-301-731.210

Hiawatha Coal Company is coordinating the submittal of the Mayo Report table A-1 with Dana Dean of the Division of Oil Gas and Mining.

### R645-301-731.210

D001 will now be sampled for the parameters listed in table 7-16 of the MRP. (pg. 7-110)

### R645-301-731.210

A commitment to monitor in mine flows greater than 5 gpm and lasting longer then 30 days was added to page 7-101

### R645-301-731.210

A reference to table 7-17 was added on pages 7-95 and 7-101.

### R645-301-731.210

Site ST-1 was added to table 7-17 (page 7-110).

### APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

| Permit Change ☑ New Permit ☐ Renewal ☐ Exploration ☐   | Bond Release Transfer Transfer  |
|--|---|
| Permittee: HIAWATHA COAL CO.   |   |
| Mine: HIAWATHA COMPLEX   | Permit Number: ACT/007/011  |
| Title: Hydrology Update (AM02B-2)  |   |
| <b>Description</b> , Include reason for application and timing required to implement:  |   |
| This is in response to a Division Order issued during the last p   | permit renewal.   |
| <b>Instructions:</b> If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions,   | this application may require Public Notice publication.   |
| Yes No  1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres:  Yes No  2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Of Section 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres:  Yes No  Does the application include operations outside a prevaction of Section 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres:  1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres:  2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Of Section 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres:  1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres:  2. Is the application include operations outside a prevaction include operations in hydrologic 5. Does the application require or include public notice in the proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road of Yes No  Yes No  Section 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres:  2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Of The Proposed Acres in the proposed Acres | Order? DO# viously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area? c basins other than as currently approved? on or increase of insurance or reclamation bond? publication? ontrol, right-of-entry, or compliance information? or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling? ? NOV #   |
|  | change the post mining land use? design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2) d reporting of any baseline information? vegetation outside the current disturbed area? storage or placement? onitoring, removal or revegetation activities? modification, or removal of surface facilities? ring, sediment or drainage control measures? gns, maps or calculation? ontrol or monitoring? ream buffer zone or discharges to a stream? |
| Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is o (5) copies, thank you. (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field Office)   | n or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five   |
| I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information conta and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, an   |   |
| Print Name Sig   | n Name, Position, Date  |
| Subscribed and sworn to before me thisday of   |   |
| Notary Public  My commission Expires:  |   |
| For Office Use Only:   | Assigned Tracking Received by Oil, Gas & Mining   |
|  | Number:   |

# APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING Detailed Schedule Of Changes to the Mining And Reclamation Plan

| Permit               |                                       | THA COAL                       |  |                 | A CIT/007/011                            |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Mine:                | HIAWATHA<br>Hydrology Ut              |                                | Permit Num   | oer:            | ACT/007/011                              |
| Title:               | nyurology Of                          | Duale (Alviuzi                 | D-2)   |                 |  |
| application of conte | ion. Individually nts, section of the | list all maps a plan, or other | to the Mining and Reclamation Plan, which is required as a result and drawings that are added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise an and drawing number as part of the description. | Include the exi | le changes to the table sting Mining and |
| □ 4.11               |                                       |                                | DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIAL TO   |                 |  |
| Add                  | Replace                               | Remove                         | Plate 5-2A, 5-2B, and 5-2C, Update, and change to show seam  | s inste         | ad of mine.                              |
| ⊠ Add                | Replace                               | ☐ Remove                       | Plate 5-2D, Added plate showing areas of proposed mining.  |                 |  |
| Add                  | =                                     | Remove                         | Chapter 6, Updated and reformatted.  |                 |  |
| Add                  | Replace                               | Remove                         | Plates 6-4 thru 6-12. Added geologic information on coal sean  | 1S.             |  |
| Add                  | ⊠ Replace                             | Remove                         | Chapter 7, Updated and reformatted.  |                 |  |
| Add                  | ⊠ Replace                             | Remove                         | Exhibit 7-1, added NPDES sites.  |                 |  |
| ⊠ Add                | Replace                               | Remove                         | Appendix 7-21, added Mayo report.  |                 |  |
| Add                  | Replace                               | ☐ Remove                       | Plates 7-22 and 7-23. Added plates to help illustrate hydrology  | /.              |  |
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|                      |                                       |                                |  |                 |  |

Table 7-1

Results of Spring Inventory Conducted On and Adjacent To U.S. Fuel's Permit In October, 1983

| LOCATION<br>NUMBER |      |     | GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS                                     | SIGNS OF USAGE                             | COMMENTS                           |
|--------------------|------|-----|---|--|------------------------------------|
| 15-7-11-1          | 1    | 260 | Steep slopes (base of Castlegate Sandstone)             | Deer tracks                                | Chem date in WRI 81-539            |
| 11-2               | Seep |     | At sandstone - Shale interface (base of Castlegate ss)  | None                                       | Dry                                |
| 11-3               | Seep |     | At sandstone - Shale interface (in Blackhawk Formation) | None                                       |                                    |
| 11-4               | Seep |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | None                                       |                                    |
| 15-7-12-1          | <1   | 260 | Base of limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                   | Deer tracks                                | Chem data in BDR 31                |
| 15-7-13-1          | 1    | 320 | Fractured sandstone within limestone (North Horn FM)    | Developed with trough                      |                                    |
| 13-2               | Seep |     | In limestone (North Horn FM.)                           | None                                       |                                    |
| 13-3               | 4    | 320 | Fractured sandstone within limestone (North Horn FM)    | Wildlife                                   |                                    |
| 13-4               | Seep |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Developed as pond.<br>Cattle\deer tracks   |                                    |
| 13-5               | Seep |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Deer & cattle tracks                       |                                    |
| 13-6               |      |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Developed as pond.<br>Cattle & deer tracks |                                    |
| 15-7-14-1          |      |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Deer & cattle tracks                       |                                    |
| 14-2               | Seep |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Developed as pond.<br>Cattle & deer tracks | No outflow                         |
| 14-3               | 7    | 380 | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Deer & cattle tracks                       | Chem. data in<br>WRI 81-539        |
| 14-4               | Seep |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Deer & cattle tracks                       |                                    |
| 14-5               | Seep |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Deer tracks                                |                                    |
| 14-6               | 8    | 320 | At base of resistance unit (North Horn FM.)             | Fenced, developed                          | U.S.Fuel monitor- ing station SP-3 |
| 15-7-15-1          | 2    | 400 | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Fenced, developed                          | Chem. data in BRD 31 & WRI 81-539  |
| 15-2               | Seep |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Deer & cattle tracks                       |                                    |
| 15-3               | Seep |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Deer tracks                                |                                    |
| 15-4               | Seep |     | In limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                        | Deer tracks                                |                                    |
| 15-5               | 2    | 540 | Base of limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                   |  | Chem. data in                      |
| 15-6               | 4    | 480 | From fractured sandstone (Price River Fm)               | Deer & cattle tracks                       | WRI 81-539                         |
| 15-7               | 2    | 370 | At base of limestone<br>(North Horn FM.)                | Deer tracks                                | Chem. data in<br>WRI 81-539        |

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**Table 7-1 (Continued)** 

## Results of Spring Inventory Conducted On and Adjacent To U.S. Fuel's Permit In October, 1983

| LOCATION<br>NUMBER | FLOW (gpm) | SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (umhos/cm @ 25° C) | GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS                                   | SIGNS OF USAGE       | COMMENTS                    |
|--------------------|------------|---|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 15-7-22-1          | 1          | 430                                     | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)        | None                 | Chem. data in<br>WRI 81-539 |
| 22-2               | 10         | 430                                     | Near base of sandstone<br>(Price River Formation)     | Deer & cattle tracks |                             |
| 22-3               | 12         | 390                                     | Near base of sandstone<br>(Price River Formation)     | Deer & cattle tracks |                             |
| 22-4               | Seep       |   | Fractured Sandstone (Castlegate sandstone)            | Deer & cattle tracks |                             |
| 15-7-23-1          | Seep       |   | At sandstone - Shale interface (in Price River Fm.)   | Deer & cattle tracks | Possible past development   |
| 23-2               | Seep       |   | Near base of limestone (in North Horn Fm.)            |                      |                             |
| 23-3               | 5          |   | Base of fractured sandstone (in Price River Fm.)      | Deer & cattle tracks | Not sampled                 |
| 23-4               | Seep       |   | Near base of limestone (North Horn Formation)         | Deer tracks          |                             |
| 15-7-24-1          | Seep       |   | Fractured sandstone within limestone (North Horn Fm.) | Wildlife             | Diffuse seepage             |
| 24-2               | 8          | 340                                     | At base of steep slope (in North Horn Fm.)            | Deer & cattle tracks |                             |
| 24-3               | 5          | 360                                     | In fractured limestone (North Horn FM.)               | Deer & cattle tracks |                             |
| 24-4               | Seep       |   | Limestone slope<br>(North Horn Fm.)                   | Deer tracks          | Diffuse seepage             |
| 15-7-25-1          | Seep       |   | Base of limestone (North Horn Fm.)                    | Deer tracks          |                             |
| 25-2               | 8          | 540                                     | Near base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)            | Deer & cattle tracks | Chem data in WRI 81-539     |
| 25-3               | 2          |   | Near base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)            | Deer tracks          | Not sample                  |
| 25-4               | Seep       |   | Base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                 | Deer tracks          |                             |
| 15-7-26-1          | Seep       |   | Near base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)            | None                 |                             |
| 26-12              | 2          | 480                                     | Near base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)            | Deer & cattle tracks | Chem data in WRI 81-539     |
| 26-3               | 5          | 500                                     | Near base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)            | Deer tracks          | Field data in<br>WRI 81-539 |
| 26-4               | 15         | 460                                     | Near base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)            | Deer & cattle tracks | Field data in<br>WRI 81-539 |
| 15-7-27-1          | 29         | 440                                     | Base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                 | Deer tracks          | Chem data in WRI 81-539     |
| 27-2               | 11         | 310                                     | Base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                 | Deer tracks          | Field data in<br>WRI 81-539 |
| 15-7-34-1          | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)        | None                 | Diffuse seepage             |
| 34-2               | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)        | None                 |                             |

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Table 7-1 (Continued)

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| LOCATION<br>NUMBER | FLOW<br>(gpm) | SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (umhos/cm @, 25° C) | GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS                               | SIGNS OF USAGE                | COMMENTS                           |
|--------------------|---------------|--|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 15-7-34-3          | Seep          |  | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)      | Deer tracks                   | Diffuse seepage                    |
| 34-4               | 1             | 500                                      | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)      | Deer & cattle tracks          |                                    |
| 34-5               | Seep          |  | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)      | None                          | In road cut                        |
| 34-6               | Seep          |  | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)      | None                          | In road cut                        |
| 15-7-35-1          | 5             | 410                                      | Fracture sandstone (Castlegate sandstone)         | Cattle tracks                 | Chem data in<br>WRI 81-539         |
| 35-2               | Un-known      | 580                                      | Fractured sandstone (Blackhawk Fm.)               | Developed,<br>manhole & valve | Chem data in<br>WRI 81-539         |
| 35-3               | Seep          |  | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)      | Deer tracks                   |                                    |
| 15-7-36-1          | 1             | 340                                      | At sandstone lense in limestone (North Horn Fm.)  | Deer tracks                   |                                    |
| 36-2               | 5             | 410                                      | At sandstone lense in limestone(North Horn Fm.)   | Deer & cattle tracks          |                                    |
| 36-3               | 5             | 320                                      | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                  | Cattle tracks                 |                                    |
| 15-8-7-1           | Seep          |  | Near Base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)        | Deer & cattle tracks          |                                    |
| 7-2                | Seep          |  | Near Base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)        | Deer tracks                   |                                    |
| 15-8-7-3           | 5             | 350                                      | At base of limestone (North Horn Fm.)             | Deer tracks                   | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-14 |
| 7-4                | 2             | 330                                      | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                  | Deer & cattle tracks          |                                    |
| 7-5                | Seep          |  | At sandstone-shale interface                      | None                          |                                    |
| 15-8-17-1          | Seep          |  | At base of limestone (North Horn Fm.)             | None                          |                                    |
| 17-2               | 1             | 320                                      | Near base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)        | Deer tracks                   |                                    |
| 15-8-18-1          | 2             | 300                                      | At base of limestone (North Horn fm.)             | Deer & cattle tracks          | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-1  |
| 18-2               | Seep          |  | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)    | Deer tracks                   |                                    |
| 18-3               | Seep          |  | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)    | Deer tracks                   |                                    |
| 18-4               | 2             | 350                                      | At base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)          | Deer & cattle tracks          | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-2  |
| 18-5               | 5             |  | Base of sandstone ledge (Castlegate sandstone)    | None                          | Diffuse seepage                    |
| 15-8-19-1          | Seep          |  | At sandstone-shale interface<br>(Price River Fm.) | None                          |                                    |
| 19-2               | 4             | 480                                      | Fractured sandstone (Castlegate sandstone)        | Some deer tracks              | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-11 |
| 15-8-19-3          | Seep          |  | At base of limestone<br>(North horn Fm.)          | None (inaccessible)           | Not sampled                        |

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**Table 7-1 (continued)** 

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| LOCATION<br>NUMBER | FLOW<br>(gpm) | SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (umhos/cm @ 25° C) | GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS  | SIGNS OF USAGE               | COMMENTS                           |
|--------------------|---------------|---|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 19-4               | Seep          |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)                   |                              |                                    |
| 19-5               | 4             | 480                                     | At sandstone-shale interface (Castlegate sandstone)            | Deer tracks                  |                                    |
| 19-6               | Seep          |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)                   | None                         |                                    |
| 19-7               | Seep          |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)                   | None                         |                                    |
| 19-8               | Seep          |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.) Some deer tracks  |                              |                                    |
| 15-8-30-1          | 3             | 460                                     | In limestone above resistant layer (North Horn Fm.)  Developed |                              | sampled at spring box              |
| 30-2               | 2             | 490                                     | Base of sandstone ledge (Castlegate sandstone)                 | Deer tracks                  |                                    |
| 30-3               | 1             | 520                                     | Base of sandstone ledge (Castlegate sandstone)                 | Deer tracks                  |                                    |
| 30-4               | 8             | 530                                     | At base of sandstone<br>(Castlegate sandstone)                 | Deer tracks                  | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-12 |
| 30-5               | 5             | 470                                     | At base of sandstone, above claystone (Castlegate ss)          | Deer tracks                  |                                    |
| 30-6               | Seep          |   | Sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)                      |                              |                                    |
| 15-8-31-1          | <1            | 350                                     | In limestone below resistant layer (North Horn Fm.)            | Developed with pond & trough | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-4  |
| 3 <del>2</del> 1-2 | Seep          |   | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                               | None                         | In roadway                         |
| 31-3               | <1            | 280                                     | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                               | None                         | In roadway                         |
| 31-4               | 4             | 460                                     | Base of fractured sandstone (Castlegate sandstone)             | Deer tracks                  | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-13 |
| 31-5               | 2             | 640                                     | Base of fractured sandstone (Castlegate sandstone)             | Developed                    |                                    |
| 15-8-32-1          | <1            | 1030                                    | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)                   | None                         |                                    |
| 32-2               | 10            | 580                                     | From fractured sandstone (Star Point sandstone)                | Deer tracks                  |                                    |
| 16-7-1-1           | 5             | 400                                     | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                               | Deer & cattle tracks         | Chem data in<br>WRI 81-539         |
| 1-2                | 5             | 380                                     | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                               | Flows into stock pond        | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-7  |
| 1-3                | Seep          |   | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                               | Livestock                    | fenced                             |
| 1-4                | Seep          |   | At base of resistant layer (North Horn Fm.)                    | Livestock                    |                                    |
| 1-5                | 3             | 400                                     | At base of resistant layers (North Horn Fm.)                   | Deer tracks                  | Diffuse seepage                    |
| 16-7-2-1           | Seep          |   | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                               | Deer & Cattle tracks         |                                    |

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## **Table 7-1 (Continued)**

## Results Of Spring Inventory Conducted On And Adjacent To U.S. Fuel's Permit In October, 1983

| LOCATION<br>NUMBER | FLOW (gpm) | SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (umhos/cm @ 25° C) | GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS                                    | SIGNS OF USAGE       | COMMENTS                          |
|--------------------|------------|---|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 16-7-11-1          | <1         | 500                                     | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)         | Deer tracks          | Diffuse seepage                   |
| 16-7-11-2          | 5          | 390                                     | From fractured sandstone in limestone (North Horn Fm.) | Deer tracks          | Chem. data in<br>WRI 81-539       |
| 11-3               | 3          | 390                                     | From fractured sandstone in limestone (North Horn Fm.) | Deer & cattle tracks |                                   |
| 11-14              | 1          | 540                                     | Near base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)             | Deer tracks          | Field data in<br>WRI 81-539       |
| 16-7-12-1          | Seep       |   | From sandstone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                     | None                 |                                   |
| 12-2               | 2          | 450                                     | From fractured sandstone (North Horn Fm.)              | Deer tracks          |                                   |
| 12-3               | 1          | 420                                     | Base of resistant layers<br>(North Horn Fm.)           | Deer tracks, trails  | Near surface<br>displacement      |
| 12-4               | Seep       |   | In limestone<br>(North Horn fm.)                       | Deer tracks, trails  | Diffuse seepage                   |
| 12-5               | 5          | 520                                     | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                       | Deer tracks          | Chem data in<br>WARI 81-539       |
| 16-7-13-1          | 3          | 330                                     | Base of fractured limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)        | Deer & cattle tracks | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-9 |
| 13-2               | 2          |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)         | None                 | Not sampled                       |
| 13-3               | 5          | 390                                     | From fractured sandstone above shale (Price River Fm.) | None                 |                                   |
| 13-4               | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface<br>(Price River Fm.)      | None                 |                                   |
| 16-7-13-5          | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface<br>(Price River Fm.)      | None                 | Diffuse seepage                   |
| 13-6               | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)         | Deer tracks          | Diffuse seepage                   |
| 13-7               | 10         | 360                                     | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)         | None                 | Sampled at bottom of main canyon  |
| 13-8               | 8          | 310                                     | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)         | None                 | Sampled at bottom of main canyon  |
| 13-9               | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)         | None                 |                                   |
| 13-10              | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Price River Fm.)         | None                 |                                   |
| 13-11              | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)           | None                 |                                   |
| 13-12              | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)           | None                 |                                   |
| 13-13              | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)           | None                 |                                   |
| 13-14              | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)           | None                 |                                   |
| 16-7-13-15         | 3          | 490                                     | Base of limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                  | Deer & cattle tracks |                                   |

<sup>•</sup> The spring names are based on the township, range, and section where they are located. Example: The 3<sup>rd</sup> spring found in Township 15 S, Range 7 E, Section 15 I named 15-7-15-3.

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### **Table 7-1 (continued)**

## Results of Spring Inventory Conducted On and Adjacent To U.S. Fuel's Permit In October, 1983

| LOCATION<br>NUMBER | FLOW (gpm) | SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (umhos/cm @ 25° C) | GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS                                  | SIGNS OF USAGE                       | COMMENTS                                 |
|--------------------|------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| 16-7-23-1          | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)         | None                                 |  |
| 16-7-24-1          | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)         | None                                 |  |
| 24-2               | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)         | None                                 |  |
| 24-3               | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)         | None                                 | Diffuse seepage                          |
| 16-7-25-1          | Seep       |   | From fractured sandstone (Star point sandstone) None |                                      |  |
| 25-2               | Seep       |   | From fractured sandstone<br>(Star point sandstone)   | None                                 |  |
| 25-3               | <1         | 5470                                    | From bottom of channel (Mancos shale)  Deer tracks   |                                      | Shale outcrops in channel downstream     |
| 16-7-26-1          | >100       | 470                                     | From fractured sandstone<br>(Star point sandstone)   | Developed<br>City water supply       | Bear Canyon spring Data<br>in WRI 81-539 |
| 26-2               | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)         | None                                 |  |
| 26-3               | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)         | None                                 |  |
| 26-4               | 8          | 730                                     | From fractured sandstone<br>(Star point sandstone)   | Deer tracks                          | Birch spring<br>Data in WRI 81-539       |
| 16-7-26-5          | >50        | 750                                     | From fractured sandstone<br>(Star point sandstone)   | From fractured sandstone Deer tracks |  |
| 16-8-5-1           | 3          | 450                                     | In limestone<br>(North Horn Fm.)                     | Developed,<br>with trough            | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-5        |
| 16-8-6-1           | 3          | 450                                     | Base of fractured sandstone<br>(North Horn Fm.)      | Deer & cattle tracks                 | U.S.Fuel monitor ing station SP-6        |
| 6-2                | Seep       |   | Base of resistant layer<br>(North Horn Fm.)          | None                                 |  |
| 6-3                | Seep       |   | From road cut<br>(north Horn Fm.)                    | None                                 |  |
| 6-4                | Seep       |   | From road cut<br>(north Horn Fm.)                    | None                                 |  |
| 6-5                | Seep       |   | From road cut<br>(north Horn Fm.)                    | None                                 |  |
| 16-8-7-1           | Seep       |   | From road cut<br>(Price River Fm.)                   | None                                 |  |
| 7-2                | 10         | 440                                     | From fractured sandstone<br>(North Horn Fm.)         | Deer & cattle tracks                 |  |
| 16-8-8-1           | 5          | 560                                     | Fractured sandstone<br>(Castlegate sandstone)        | Deer tracks                          |  |
| 8-2                | 7          | 640                                     | Fractured sandstone<br>(Castlegate sandstone)        | Deer tracks                          | Diffuse seepage in road cut              |
| 8-3                | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)         | None                                 | In road cut                              |
| 16-8-8-4           | Seep       |   | At sandstone-shale interface (Blackhawk Fm.)         | None                                 | In road cut                              |

<sup>•</sup> The spring names are based on the township, range, and section where they are located. Example: The 3<sup>rd</sup> spring found in Township 15 S, Range 7 E, Section 15 I named 15-7-15-3.

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Table 7-1 (continued)

Results of Spring Inventory Conducted on and Adjacent To U.S. Fuel's Permit In October, 1983

#### LOCATION FLOW SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE NUMBER (umhos/cm @ 25° C) GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS SIGNS OF USAGE COMMENTS (gpm) Colluvium overlying sandstone U.S.Fuel monitor ing Developed 6 8-5 (Blackhawk Fm.) station SP-8 At sandstone-shale interface In road cut None 16-8-8-6 Seep (Blackhawk Fm.) Sandstone in road cut None 16-8-9-1 Seep (Star Point Fm.) Near base of limestone Deer & Cattle tracks 16-8-17-1 5 500 (North Horn Fm.) Near base of limestone Deer & Cattle tracks 17-2 5 490 (North Horn Fm.) Fractured limestone Deer & Cattle tracks Not sampled 16-8-18-1 3 (North Horn Fm.) Fractured limestone Field data in Deer & Cattle tracks 3 18-2 600 WRI 81-539 (North Horn Fm.) In limestone Chem. data in Deer & Cattle tracks 9 18-3 520 WRI 81-539 (North Horn Fm.) Base of fractured sandstone Chem. data in Deer tracks 16-8-19-1 <1 570 WRI 81-539 (Castlegate sandstone) Base of limestone U.S.Fuel monitor ing Cattle tracks 16-8-20-1 3 700 (North Horn Fm.) station SP-10 Near base of limestone Deer tracks 20-2 Seep (North Horn Fm.) At sandstone-shale interface None 16-8-21-1 <1 2820 (Blackhawk Fm.) Fractured sandstone Field data in Deer tracks 4 21-2 2630 (Star Point sandstone) WRI 81-539 Base of sandstone Developed, 16-8-28-1 9 2230 (Star Point sandstone) with trough

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<sup>•</sup> The spring names are based on the township, range, and section where they are located. Example: The 3<sup>rd</sup> spring found in Township 15 S, Range 7 E, Section 15 I named 15-7-15-3.

north of this point. Flow from the old Mohrland portal (EPA Mine Water Discharge Point D001) represents the total of all water intercepted by U. S. Fuel's mining operations.

It has been noted in the PHC response to R645-301-724.600 that the degree of hydraulic interconnection along the Bear Canyon Fault between the Blackhawk Formation and the Star Point Sandstone is thought to be nonexistent-uncertain. Whether dewatering of the mines will impact downgradient springs issuing from the Star Point Sandstone is, therefore, unknown. However, and An examination of discharge rates of springs issuing from the Star Point Sandstone in and near the mouth of Bear Canyon (Danielson et al., 1981: David Darrel Leemaster, Castle Valley Special Services District, personal communication 1984) indicates no general decline in flow during the period of record (1978-1983). Additional monitoring of the flows in Big Bear Spring has shown no decline in flow through 1987. Since mining near the fault by U.S. Fuel occurred in the late 1950's and then again from January of 1973 to June of 1977 and no drop in flows was noticed for 10 years after mining in the area had ceased As a result, dewatering of the mine workings is not expected to impact discharge rates of springs issuing from the Bear Canyon Fault in the Star Point Sandstone. Thus, no alternate water supply should be required for these springs. Because of drought conditions in the period between 1988 to 2001 a decline was observed in Big Bear Spring hitting a low approximately 50% of pre 1988 in 1993 and then recovering to approximately 70% of pre 1988 flows by 2001. Once the drought conditions end and the palmer drought index returns to pre 1988 levels the flows in Big Bear Spring should return to pre 1988 levels.

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## **R645-301-728** Probable Hydrologic Consequences Determination

Underground mining operations could affect surface and groundwater sources. Depending on coal extraction methods used, subsidence could more or less result in fractures through the strata above the Star Point sandstone formation. Fractures resulting from subsidence, as well as natural fractures encountered in mining could contribute to changes in existing water patterns. Springs, seeps, and stream flows could possibly be affected, and changes in drainage patterns could result. Since no mining is proposed to be done below the Hiawatha coal seam which lies immediately on top of the Star Point sandstone, strata below that elevation should not be affected. In order to prevent any anticipated affects, barriers can be left around the permit boundary or under a spring or a seep preventing any subsidence from occurring in those areas.

The effects of past mining on water sources is not known, except that significant flows have resulted from contact with major fractures such as the Bear Canyon fault. Large areas of the King 1 and King 2 mines were mined out from 4515 to 11080 years ago by room and pillar methods, yet numerous springs and seeps overlying these mines are still flowing. Whether or not they have diminished as a result of mining is not known. (See Plates 5-1 and 5-2)

Since the general dip of the strata in the mine plan area is toward the south west and since all existing mine workings are more or less interconnected, all water encountered in mining tends to flow to the most southerly mine opening which at this time is the old Mohrland Portal (King 2 portal) in Cedar Creek Canyon.

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No fracture-controlled seeps or springs were found issuing from the coal-bearing Blackhawk Formation. Instead, seeps and springs within this formation were found issuing from the base of sandstone units overlying shale layers. Hence, fracturing of the Blackhawk Formation does not appear to convey groundwater to the surface.

Major fracturing in the area trends primarily north-south, paralleling the Bear Canyon Fault. A geologic map prepared by Waddell et al. (1981) indicates that the Bear Canyon fault is near the eastern edge of the Pleasant Valley Fault Zone, which a fault zone that extends from the southern half of T.17 S., R.7 E. northward through Pleasant Valley to Scofield Reservoir. Hence, all fracturing noted in relation to the springs is assumed to be part of the Bear Canyon Fault Zone or one of the companion fault zones.

A survey was conducted by U. S. Fuel in the King 4 mine to determine the extent of inflow to the mine along the Bear Canyon Fault and other sources. Surveys could not be conducted in older mine workings since they are permanently sealed. The King 5 Mine is essentially dry (containing only a few low-yield roof drippers) and, hence, was not surveyed. In addition, roof stability problems in the King 6 mine makes access hazardous. Thus, the in-mine seepage survey was confined to the King 4 mine. (See Plates 5-1 and 5-2)

Five points of inflow greater than 1 gpm were found in the mine. Three of these originated from the floor of the mine through fractures or the Bear Canyon Fault, one originates from the roof through a fracture near the northern-most portion of the mine and one originates

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### **Effects of Mining on Streamflow**

Data obtained from mines in the region, as outlined on page 7-79 in section 724.600, suggest that subsidence will affect streamflow quantity only in those areas where surface cracks develop. In areas experiencing trough subsidence, no streamflow impacts have been documented to date. As a result, those areas on the ridge of Gentry Mountain and within Gentry Hollow that are subjected to subsidence should not experience any changes in streamflow attributable to mining. As noted previously, well-defined streamflow does not exist along Gentry Mountain. Stream channels that cross the upper west-facing slopes of Gentry Hollow are ephemeral. That stream flow that is generated in these areas originates within and flows in the area of potential subsidence only across outcrops of the North Horn Formation (presumably subject only to trough subsidence). Hence, without the development of subsidence fractures, no impacts are expected to occur to streamflow crossing the ridges of Gentry Mountain and the upper slopes of Gentry Hollow.

Potential impacts to streamflow resulting from subsidence should be limited to the Miller Creek watershed where streams cross formations that are stratigraphically lower than the North Horn Formation. The results of the spring inventory conducted in the permit and adjacent areas in October 1983 indicate that base-flow within the zone of potential subsidence in the Miller Creek watershed is about 7 gallons per minute in the north branch of North Fork of Miller Creek, 12 gpm in the south branch of North Fork, 16 gpm in Middle Fork, and 6 gpm in South Fork. This base-flow all originates as springs issuing from the North Horn Formation and the Castlegate Sandstone (compare Exhibits 7-2 and 7-7). Only minor seepage issues from the Price River Formation within the potential subsidence zone of the Miller Creek watershed. Snowmelt and

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North Horn springs proper are expected (see previous discussions). Impacts downstream from the point of issue have been discussed in a previous section. Hence, potential impacts to springs due to subsidence are assumed to be limited to those springs that issue from the Price River Formation or the Castle-gate Sandstone.

Assuming that all springs issuing below the North Horn Formation dry up as a result of subsidence, the maximum depletion in spring flow will be 28 gpm. It is emphasized that the subsidence fracture would have to directly intercept the spring or its immediate recharge area to cause a depletion in flow. If the cracks pass downstream from the spring, water would still be available at the source for livestock and wildlife use.

Some concern has been raised by OSM regarding an apparent decrease in flow rates measured at spring monitoring station SP-3 since 1980. The flow data collected from this station are given in Tables 1 and 4 of Appendix 7-12. According to this table, flows at SP-3 normally vary from about 4.5 to 6.0 gpm. The data is insufficient to determine long-term trends.

Stream monitoring, ongoing since 1978, at monitoring points downstream from disturbed areas, serve to identify contaminating materials. Current stream monitoring data are given in Appendix 7-14. for all current monitoring sites is included in the water database maintained by the Division of Oil Gas and Mining and can be accessed on the internet at www.dogm.nr.state.ut.us

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301-527 and R645-301-732. Interim Reclamation is given in R645-301-331 and in Appendix 5-

7. Topsoil storage and protection is covered in R645-301-231.

To ensure compliance of all effluent parameters within the UPDES permit, Hiawatha Coal U.S. Fuel will implement the following steps:

- 1. Monitor according to the UPDES Permit.
- 2. Report monitoring results according to the UPDES Permit.
- 3. When exceedances occur, report the exceedances according to the UPDES Permit.
- 4. Implement changes required when the Division of Water Quality approves changes to the UPDES Permit.

## 731.200 Water Monitoring

### **Ground-Water Monitoring Plan**

United States Fuel Hiawatha Coal Company currently monitors springs included in its monitoring program twice each year (normally in July and October, depending on accessibility). Data collected during each visit includes; flow, PH, water temperature, and specific conductance. Prior to 1986, spring samples were analyzed according to Table 7-12. In order to bring the monitoring program into line with the Division's "Guidelines For Establishment of Surface and Ground water Monitoring Programs" (January, 1986), sSamples are now analyzed according to either Table 7-1213 or 7-1519 at the frequence show on Table 7-17. The type of analyses to be done will depend on the year in which the samples are taken. Refer to the monitoring schedule given in Table 7-22.

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Canyon. The King 6 mine is currently inactive and the water tank is not being used. Mine water discharge sample analyses for past years is given in Appendix 7-13.

During the 2002 1992 permit review the Division requested that persistent and measurable in-mine flows be monitored for quality quantity and seasonal variations. Currently all portals are sealed so no in-mine monitoring can be done. Once the seals are breached and mining is resumed Hiawatha will develop an underground water monitoring plan to monitor all flows that are greater than 5gpm and last for more than 30 days. The Division will be consulted during the development of this plan. Towards this end U. S. Fuel will monitor the flow at point UG-1 (Exhibit 6-3). No mine workings are currently accessible south of this point and only a very limited area is accessible to the north and east. Due to the dip of the beds, monitoring the flow at this location will reflect the cumulative result of all sources originating in the King 4 mine north of the 10 West and 10 East sections. UG-1 will be monitored once in the spring (May or June) and once in the fall (Sept. or Oct.). Monitoring parameters will be the same as those required by the EPA NPDES permit listed in Table 7-13 14.

### SURFACE WATER MONITORING PLAN

United States Fuel Hiawatha Coal Company currently monitors streams described in this program on a monthly basis when accessible. The location of each monitoring point is shown on Exhibit 7-1 and described in Table 7-15. Sample analyses are done semi-annually. Table 7-17 shows the sampling frequency for each of the sites. Table 7-16 presents the initial comprehensive parameter schedule used in September of 1979. Table 7-17 presents the routine analytical parameter schedule that has been followed from September 1979 to May 1986. From May 1986 to August 1988 Table 7-18 was used. Samples collected after

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Table 7-17

## Water Monitoring Matrix

| STATION | JAN   | FEB         | MAR   | ARP         | MAY         | JUN         | JUL   | AUG         | SEP         | OCT         | NOV   | DEC   |
|---------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| ST-1    |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| ST-2    |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| ST-2B   |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| ST-3    |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| ST-3A   |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| ST-3B   |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| ST-4    |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| ST-4A   |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| ST-4B   |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| ST-5    |       |             |       | Operational | Field       | Field       | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       |       |       |
| SP-2    |       |             |       |             |             | Operational |       |             |             | Operational |       |       |
| SP-4    |       |             |       |             |             | Operational |       |             |             | Operational |       |       |
| SP-5    |       |             |       |             |             | Operational |       |             |             | Operational |       |       |
| SP-11   |       |             |       |             |             | Operational |       |             |             | Operational |       |       |
| SP-12   |       |             |       |             |             | Operational |       |             |             | Operational |       |       |
| SP-13   |       |             |       |             |             | Operational |       |             |             | Operational |       | _     |
| D001    | Field | Operational | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       | Field | Operational | Field       | Operational | Field | Field |
| D002*   | Field | Operational | Field | Field       | Operational | Field       | Field | Operational | Field       | Operational | Field | Field |

<sup>\*</sup>D002 Operational samples will be tested for the parameters in Table 7-13. All others will be tested according to Table 7-16.

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